

**WHEREAS**, Missouri seniors who exemplify service and citizenship by giving back to their communities through volunteerism are worthy of special recognition; and

**WHEREAS, Ruby Cook** of Columbia regularly participates in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) with the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging; and

**WHEREAS, Ruby Cook** previously worked for the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging, benefiting the lives of many senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS, Ruby Cook** has continued this work on a volunteer basis by pitching in at area senior centers since 1988, working as a hostess, organizing craft activities, mailing brochures, and anything else that is needed each day; and

**WHEREAS, Ruby Cook**, refusing to be limited in service by her walker, still drives to the Oakland Plaza Senior Center four days a week to track the service of other volunteers, ensuring that hundreds of meals are delivered and served every day; and

**WHEREAS, Ruby Cook**, now in her ninth decade of life, admirably serves this community with no desire or expectation of recognition; and

**WHEREAS, Ruby Cook** was nominated for Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder's Senior Service Award by State Representative Judy Baker;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETER KINDER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND OFFICIAL SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby congratulate **Ruby Cook** for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. Furthermore, I wish her the best as she continues to admirably serve the Columbia community.